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ROCKFORD MAN SENTENCED TO MORE THAN 11 YEARS IN FEDERAL PRISON FOR ROBBING ASSOCIATED BANK IN ROCKFORD

ROCKFORD – PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois; ROBERT D. GRANT, Special Agent-In-Charge of the Chicago Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation; and CHET EPPERSON, Chief of the Rockford Police Department, today made the following announcement:

Today, United States District Judge Philip G. Reinhard sentenced **ANTHONY TERRELL TAYLOR**, age 22, of Rockford, Illinois, to 11 and ½ years in federal prison without parole for the armed robbery of the Associated Bank, 3402 North Main Street, Rockford, Illinois, on October 23, 2006. Taylor also pled guilty to using and carrying a firearm in relation to a crime of violence and to being a felon in possession of a firearm. Taylor was also ordered to serve 5 years of supervised release following his release from prison, and to pay restitution to the bank.

Taylor pled guilty to the charges on July 11, 2007. In pleading guilty, Taylor admitted that on the morning of October 23, 2006, he walked into the Associated Bank, 3402 North Main Street, in Rockford, carrying a 20 gauge shotgun covered by a black plastic bag. Taylor pointed the shotgun at a teller, threw a bag at her, and told her to give him the money. He approached a second teller and handed her another bag. Both tellers placed cash from their teller drawers in the bags and gave them to Taylor. After ordering everyone to get down on the floor, Taylor left the bank. After leaving the bank, Taylor discarded the shotgun and plastic bag in an alley located behind the bank. Taylor was arrested on October 24, 2006 and has been held in custody since his arrest.

The case was investigated by the Rockford Office of the FBI and the Rockford Police Department. The case was prosecuted in federal court by Assistant United States Attorneys Joseph C. Pedersen.

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